

**REMARKS**

Claims 37-38, 40-41 and 46-50 are all the claims pending in the application as claims 1, 39, 42-45 and 51-69 are hereby canceled by this Amendment..

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 37-38, 40-41 and 46-50 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicants have rewritten claims 37-38, 40-41 and 46-50 in this manner.

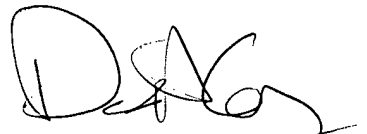
Thus, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for immediate allowance.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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